

## GOTTA GET AWAY?

This is how much will it cost to jet to this summer's Top 10 travel destinations

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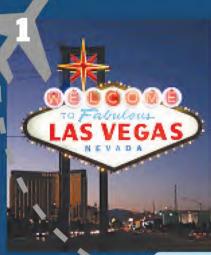
You've already burned through half your allotted two weeks of paid vacation and this winter has been brutal on your skin and beach bod, but come hell or high-water, you are GOING on vacation this summer.

You're not alone. 90 percent of respondents of a recent TripAdvisor survey said they are planning a getaway this summer. The travel site compiled a list of the Top 10 summer destinations and the average travel costs associated with each spot. Turns out, it's cheaper to venture to Mexico or the Dominican Republic for a week than it is to stay in the U.S. and hit up New York City.

"Travelers appear eager to take advantage of the strong U.S. dollar by planning trips abroad, as six of the 10 most-searched destinations on TripAdvisor for summer travel are located outside the U.S.," said Brooke Ferencsik, director of communications for TripAdvisor.

And if you're buying groceries on credit cards but just NEED to get away, we can't say we recommend that, but there are lower prices toward the end of August, Ferencsik said, "when prices tend to dip below their mid-summer peak."

Here's the breakdown (figures are the average costs).



#### **LAS VEGAS**

Nightly hotel rate

#### \$134

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

#### \$417

Meal cost

#### \$31

Cost of a one-week summer trip \$2,006

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#### **MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.**

Nightly hotel rate

#### \$193

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$422

Meal cost

#### \$17

Cost of a one-week summer trip **\$2,130** 

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### PLAYA DEL CARMEN

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Nightly hotel rate

#### \$155

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

**\$552** 



#### CANCUN, MEXICO

Nightly hotel rate

#### \$141

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

#### \$552

Meal cost

#### \$20

Cost of a oneweek summer trip \$1,959

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## TRAVEL BY NUMBERS

least expensive

\$\$\$\$ most expensive **HOTEL PER NIGHT** 

\$125 Rome

\$302

**New York City** 

**ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE** 

\$365 **Orlando** 

\$1,701

London

\$15 Playa del Carmen

\$35

London

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**MEAL** 

\$1.716 **Orlando** 

**WEEKLONG TRIP** 

\$3,962 London

#### **NEW YORK** CITY

Niahtly hotel rate

\$302 \$\$\$\$

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$378

Meal cost \$32

Cost of a one-week summer trip \$3,164

#### **Bon voyage**

The following weeks are the least expensive to travel to the Top 10 locations, with average trip costs for that week. source: tripadvisor.com

Las Vegas-\$1,833

**JUNE 29-JULY 5** New York City-\$2,922 AUG. 3-10 Paris-\$2,920 AUG. 17-23

Orlando, Fla. - \$1,556 London-\$3, 732

AUG. 24-30

Myrtle Beach, S.C.-\$1, 706 Cancun, Mexico-\$1,729 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic-\$2,679 Playa Del Carmen, Mexico-\$1,789 Rome-\$2,935



### LONDON

Nightly hotel rate

\$218

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$1,701 \$\$\$\$

Meal cost **\$35** \$\$\$\$

Cost of a one-week summer trip \$3,962 \$\$\$\$

**PARIS** Nightly hotel rate

> Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$160

\$1,603 Meal cost

\$32

Cost of a oneweek summer trip \$3,395



Meal cost

**\$15** \$

MEXICO

Cost of a one-week summer trip

\$1,952

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#### ORLANDO. FLA.

Nightly hotel rate

\$127

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

**\$365** \$

Meal cost \$22

Cost of a one-week summer

trip \$1,716 \$

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#### **ROME**

Nightly hotel rate

\$125 \$

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$1,673

Meal cost \$28

Cost of a

one-week summer trip \$3,136

#### **PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Nightly hotel rate

\$238

Domestic U.S. roundtrip airfare

\$677

Meal cost

\$30 Cost of a one-week summer trip

\$2,973

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## Spike Lee addresses 'Chiraq' controversy

By Nina Metz | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"A lot of things have been said about this film by people who know nothing about the film," Spike Lee told media at a news conference Thursday morning, breaking his silence since news of his plans for a movie about violence in Chicago surfaced last month.

"A lot of people have opinions about the so-called title of the film," he said of "Chiraq," which is expected to begin filming in Chicago in June. ("So-called" suggests this may be a working title, but Lee did not clarify, nor did he answer questions from reporters.)

"So we thought it was appropriate that we say what the narrative is—the film-makers, the people doing this. Not people who are judging from afar, and again, don't know what the hell they're talking about."

Standing with Lee was St. Sabina pastor Rev. Michael Pfleger, actor and Evanston native John Cusack and members of Purpose Over Pain, who held up photos of their children who were killed by gun violence. They also held posters that read "Put the guns down."

The project has had controversy attached

to it from the moment news of it hit the Web in April. After it was announced, Mayor Emanuel said he told Lee in person of his distaste for the "Chiraq" movie title.

"I am 100 percent sure that the great city of Chicago can survive a film of conscience ..." Cusack said. "I love my city of Chicago—all of Chicago—and I would never do anything to hurt it. I'm very proud to be in this film and stand with Father Pfleger and Spike and with the people of St. Sabina."

Many had assumed the film would take a grim approach to its story of violence in the Englewood neighborhood, and Thursday's remarks were resoundingly on the serious side.

However, earlier this week ScreenDaily reported that the script is a modern-day re-imagining of the ancient Greek comedy "Lysistrata." In the bawdy original, by Aristophanes, the women of Greece band together and withhold sex until their men put an end to war. Lee's film would purportedly update the action and set it in Chicago.

Lee called into question the perceptions that already have been created about the film.

"Way, way back when I made 'Do the Right Thing,' there were people who said this film would cause riots all across America. That black people were going to run amok. ... But those people ended up being on the wrong side of history. And the same is going to happen in Chicago. They are going look stupid. ... We're here for peace. We have to stop this."

He cited news reports of 14 shootings in the city Wednesday. "I've made many trips to Chicago in preparation for this film," he said. "And Tuesday morning I took the 6:30 flight from La Guardia [Airport in New York], landed at 7:30 and by 10 a.m. I was at a funeral. One of the members of our production team, his brother was shot down in cold blood."

Cusack also underscored the project's serious aspirations. "Spike called me up and told me what he was up to. We met and he looked me in the eye and said, 'Johnny, the only reason to do this film is to help save lives,' " Cusack said.

Said Pfleger: "We're not painting a city, we're painting a reality that's difficult and hard."

The number of killings Chicago has logged in each of the past two years.

137

The number of killings that have been reported in Chicago this year to date—three of them Wednesday night.

2,599

The number of people wounded or killed in shootings in 2014, up from 2,272 people shot in 2013.

The city has seen a drop in homicides in the past decade—a trend that's been reflected across the country—with fewer than 500 in several years, down from the 900-plus slayings per year of the 1990s. REDEYE, TRIBUNE

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## New trouble for teen designer of controversial city sticker

#### Police charge 18-year-old with driving stolen vehicle

By Megan Crepeau | REDEYE

Trouble has followed 18-year-old Herbert Pulgar since 2012, his mother said, when his winning design for a new city sticker drew controversy for images of what some termed as gang symbols.

That trouble got deeper Tuesday, when he was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Early morning Tuesday, police noticed Pulgar, of the 3100 block of West Logan Boulevard, driving without headlights on in a vehicle that matched the description of a stolen van, according to a Chicago police report filed after his arrest.

Pulgar's mother, Jessica Loor, says her son was a passenger in the vehicle, not the driver.

Police started following the vehicle, which made several turns in an attempt to get away and then crashing into a parked car that then crashed into three other cars, prosecutors said at a court hearing Wednesday.

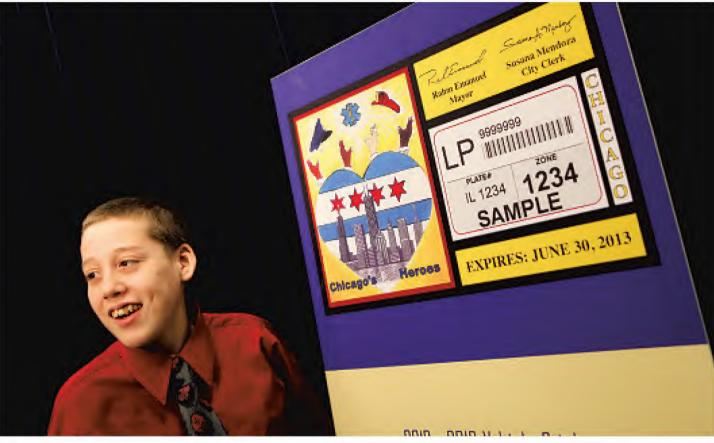
Pulgar attempted to get away on foot along with a fellow suspect whom the police report does not identify. Pulgar was found hiding under a nearby porch, the report states.

Pulgar was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, a felony, as well as driving without a license and various traffic violations. Judge Peggy Chiampas ordered him released on his own recognizance and recommended electronic monitoring at Wednesday's hearing.

Loor broke down in tears in the hallway of the Leighton Criminal Court Building after the hearing. She saw this coming ever since the city sticker incident, she said.

"Ever since that happened, it's been a downward spiral," Loor said.

Police as well as neighborhood gang members now see her son as a gang member, which



Herbert Pulgar, a then-15-year-old freshman at Lawrence Hall Youth Services, poses with his winning artwork that was to be used as the 2012-2013 city vehicle sticker following an awards ceremony at City Hall in 2012. т ивине FILE РНОТО



**Pulgar** 

she denies, and both groups have put a target on his back, she said.

"Police told him, 'If we catch you, we're going to lock you up," Loor said.

And local gangs are a threat to her son as well, she said—the family's home has been tagged, and she has received Facebook messages saying, "I hope your son dies."

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Pulgar has always loved to draw, his mother says, and in 2012 his design won a contest and was chosen to decorate that year's city stickers. The award was rescinded after some pointed out that the design contained illustrations that resembled gang symbols.

"I don't like him to go outside," Loor said.

Pulgar and Loor worked together on the design for the city sticker, Loor said, and she strenuously denied that any of the illustrations were gang symbols.

Neither Pulgar's arrest report nor prosecutors in court Wednesday mentioned whether Pulgar had gang affiliations.

Complicating matters, Pulgar has been diagnosed with mood disorders, and he has the mental capacity of a 13-year-old, Loor said.

If something doesn't change quickly, Loor is afraid her son will be killed.

"At the end of the day, deep down in my heart, I feel like that's what's going to happen," she said, breaking down in tears.

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## Survey: Chicago is sixth-best in bikeability

By Corilyn Shropshire | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago is the sixth-most bikeable city in the country, according to a new survey.

The city's bike score increased this year by almost nine full points, thanks to new protected bike lanes and bike paths, according to Walk Score, a division of real estate website Redfin, which published the rankings Thursday.

Chicago, which earned a "bike score" of 70.2 out of 100, is behind No. 1 Minneapolis (with a score of 81.3), No. 2 San Francisco, No. 3 Portland, No. 4 Denver and No. 5 Boston.

The Walk Score list counters Chicago's ranking last year as the second-most "bike-friendly" city in Bicycling Magazine's biennial ranking, behind New York City.

Redfin's Bike Score weighs components including bike lanes, terrain, destinations and road connectivity, and the share of local workers' commutes traveled by bicycle.

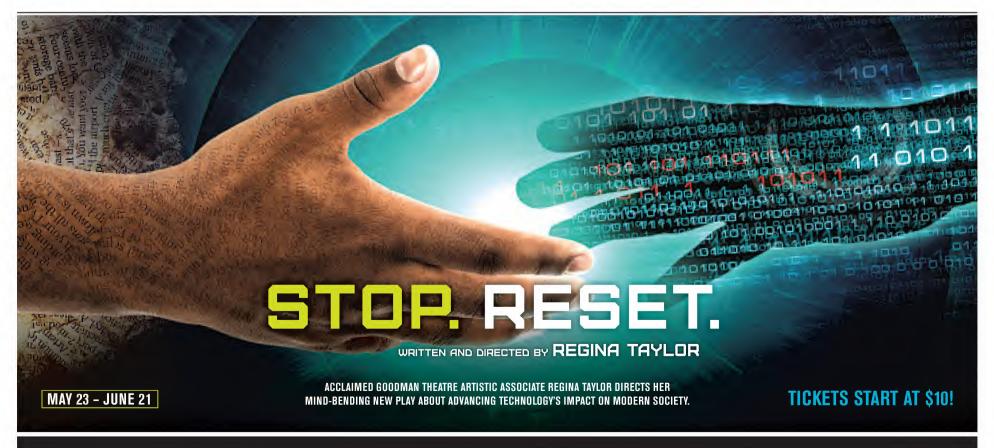
Chicago has more than 200 miles of on-street bike paths. Three years ago, Mayor Emanuel pledged to make the city the most bike-friendly in the country with a goal of delivering 645 miles of regular and protected bikeways by 2020.



A cyclist maneuvers around and in front of a taxi in the left turn lane on Michigan Avenue. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE

#### **EXPRESS LINES**

- » Chicago ranked as the sixth "sneeziest and wheeziest" city in the United States according to environmental advocacy Group Natural Resources Defense Council, which issued a report on how climate change and carbon emissions are affecting allergies and asthma.
- » Two U.S. Postal Service employees who work at O'Hare Airport were arrested this week on charges of stealing marijuana and other illegal narcotics from mail parcels, federal authorities allege.
- » Ben Finch, founder of Finch's Beer Co., confirmed today that his company's vision of an ambitious new brewery along the North Branch of the Chicago River won't be happening after all. DNAinfo.com first reported that the project might be in trouble.
- » The debut of the Ventra smartphone app for tickets, scheduled for this month or June, is being pushed back until the fall, transit officials said Thursday. The CTA, Metra and Pace said they are working with a consultant to iron out undisclosed issues.



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the engineer he made a day earlier.

Lawyer Robert Goggin told ABC News that engineer Brandon Bostian, 32, of New York City, suffered a concussion in Tuesday night's wreck and had 15 staples in his head, along with stitches in one leg.

remembers attempting to reduce speed and thereafter he was knocked out," Goggin said. But he said Bostian does not recall anything out of the ordinary and does not remember usOn Thursday, Amtrak President Joseph Boardman said the nation's passenger railroad will begin operating long-sought safety technology, called positive train control, throughout its busy Northeast Corridor by the end of the year. The technology was installed on the tracks where the accident occurred, but it had not been turned on because further testing was needed, he said in an interview.



Emergency personnel work at the scene of the Amtrak train wreck on Wednesday. Ap PHOTO

## **Amtrak train crash** death toll climbs to 8

The death toll from the Philadelphia Amtrak wreck rose to eight with the discovery of another body in a mangled railcar Thursday, while a lawyer for the train's engineer said his client has no recollection of the crash and wasn't on his cellphone or using drugs or al-

A cadaver dog found the eighth body in the wreckage of the first passenger car nearly 36 hours after the crash, Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawver said.

Officials believe they have now accounted for all 243 people who were thought to have been aboard the train, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter said.

Amtrak, meanwhile, said limited train service between Philadelphia and New York should resume on Monday.

Federal investigators have said the train was barreling through the city at 106 mph before it ran off the rails along a sharp bend where the speed limit drops to 50 mph. But they don't know why it was going so fast.

"I don't think that any commonsense, rational person would think that it was OK to travel at that level of speed knowing that there was a pretty significant restriction on how fast you could go through that turn," the mayor said Thursday, repeating criticism of

"He remembers coming into the curve. He

ing the emergency brake, which investigators say was applied moments before the crash.

The lawyer said the next thing the engineer remembered was coming to, retrieving his cellphone and calling 911 for help. He said the engineer's cellphone was off and stored in his bag before the accident, as required.

"As a result of his concussion, he has absolutely no recollection whatsoever of the events," Goggin said. He said he believes the engineer's memory will probably return once the head injury subsides.

Goggin said that his client "cooperated fully" with police and told them "everything that he knew," immediately consenting to a blood test and surrendering his cellphone. He said he had not been drinking or doing drugs. Nutter said Thursday that the engineer spoke only briefly to officers, telling them he did not want to be interviewed.

Federal accident investigators also want to talk to Bostian but planned to give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident.

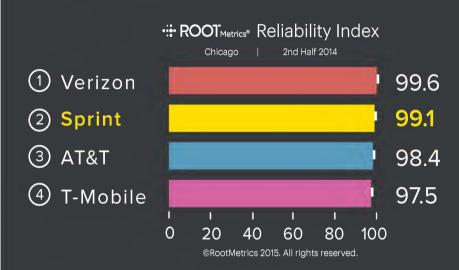
The engineer hit the emergency brakes moments before the crash but slowed the train to only 102 mph by the time the locomotive's black box stopped recording data, according to Robert Sumwalt of the National Transportation Safety Board.

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#### ANOTHER BULLS POSTSEASON, ANOTHER HEARTBREAKING FINISH THANKS TO KING JAMES

By Chris Sosa I REDEVE

taring the Bulls in the face Thursday was a reality with which they were all too familiar: Beat nemesis LeBron James and Cleveland or try again next season.

Game 6 at the United Center certainly came down to the actual Bulls (and Cavs), but it also was decided by the 'bles. As in three words that end in "ble": Who/what was unstoppable, disagreeable and unbelievable.

(We also kept a close eye on the rebounds; the team that won the battle on the boards in the first five games won each of those contests.)

Add it all up and you get another disappointing finish from a Bulls postseason that began with so much promise.

#### FIRST QUARTER

#### UNSTOPPABLE

Pau Gasol

How's this for an opening sequence. The Bulls forward wins the opening tipoff hits the first shot of the game to give his team the lead and draws a foul on Timofey Mozgov soon after. Pretty good for a guy with an injured hamstring. He had eight points in the quarter, BTW.

#### DISAGREEABLE

Tristan Thompson

Not sure how he made that backward-facing layup on an alley-oop late in the quarter, but it sure made the UC fans unhappy.

#### UNBELIEVABLE

This distinction goes to the Bulls' passing in general in the first quarter, which led to seven assists and several easy baskets. Mike Dunleavy took the cake with his almost-no-look flip to a streaking Jimmy Butler, who jammed it

home. We'll know better than to underestimate you from now on, Mike.

Total rebounds: Bulls 9, Cavs 9 Score: Cavaliers 33, Buils 31.

#### SECOND QUARTER

UNSTOPPABLE

Nikola Mirotic

The Buils rookie was determined to help his team, especially offensively, and he poured in seven points in the second quarter.

#### DISAGREEABLE

Mirotic

He clotheslined Iman Shumpert as the Cavs guard tried to drive and was tagged with a flagrant foul. It's one thing to try and fire up your team. It's another to give the opponent unnecessary free throws.

#### UNBELIEVABLE

The Cavs' 3-point shooting. With the Bulls defense collapsing on James or whomever, Cleveland's shooters made them pay. They hit five from long range in the quarter to build their sizable lead.

Total rebounds: Cavs 22, Bulls 16 Score: Cavaliers 58, Bulls 44

#### THIRD QUARTER

UNSTOPPABLE Cleveland's

bench Neither team lit up the score-

board in the third quarter, but the Cavs substitutes outscored the Bulls reserves 29-9 up until this point.



#### DISAGREEABLE

#### **Derrick Rose and Jimmy Butler**

The Bulls needed a better shooting effort from their backcourt, and they just weren't getting it. Rose shot 7-of-15 for the first three quarters while Butler was 8-of-18.

#### UNBELIEVABLE

#### The Bulls' offense, though not in a good way

They managed just 13 points in the second quarter and 16 in the third. If it weren't for their third-quarter defense, it would have been a Cleveland laugher down the home stretch.

#### SERIES SCHEDULE

Cavs win 4-2

Game1	Bulls 99, Cavaliers 92
Game 2	Cavaliers 106, Bulls 91
Game 3	Bulls 99, Cavaliers 96
Game 4	Cavaliers 86, Bulls 84
Game 5	Cavaliers 106, Bulls 101
Game 6	Cavaliers 94, Bulls 73

### **Total rebounds:** Cavs 36, Bulls 27 **Score:** Cavaliers 73, Bulls 60

#### FOURTH QUARTER UNSTOPPABLE

#### LeBron James

the end of the game.

There's no way around it, he's got the Bulls' number and affects the game on a level no one can match. He finished with 15 points, nine rebounds, 11 assists and a whole lot of rest toward

#### DISAGREEABLE

#### **Matthew Dellavedova**

He's the last player Bulls fans expected to burn them in this series. Yet there he was, indirectly getting Taj Gibson ejected from Game 5 and tossing in a team-high 19 points in Game 6.

#### **UNBELIEVABLE**

#### **The James Effect**

For the fourth time in the past six seasons, the Bulls have been eliminated by a James-led team. This is how the rest of the NBA felt when Michael Jordan was in the league.

**Total rebounds:** Cavs 53, Bulls 32 **Final score:** Cavaliers 94, Bulls 73

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What's the best way to combat a long layoff in the Stanley Cup playoffs? Brewing beer at home and cooking mass amounts of food for the next ManBQue book. Get pumped by watching GIFs of the Hawks scoring and celebrating, and have "Chelsea Dagger" on repeat. Repeated viewing of Game 7 from last year's Western Conference finals. Binge watching a canceled television show on Netflix. Catch up on the latest "Chicago P.D./Fire/SVU" mashup. That's doing too much.

Instead of "The Mighty Ducks," what should Anaheim's hockey team claim as its namesake? Anaheim Earthquakes! What, too soon?

The Quacks.

I'm hoping for the Bad News Bears. The Mighty Thor.

The Disney on Ice Corporate Machine Animals.

Create an alternative name for the "Kaner mullet." Something that I want to grow. Thanks for picking on the bald guy. The mullet, the '82 Camaro, the babes. Sigh, you had me at mullet. I think that mullet has a superpower. Mullet power! You can't really call it a mullet, because Kaner is party in the back AND the front. The Shorty Knuckle Clincher.
I just like that combination of words.

Hockey Hillbilly Hairdo.

Why does Joe Maddon switch his lineup around so often?

He refers to the Magic 8 ball for all his answers.

Because the team is so young, players keep getting grounded. Just to remind everyone that being a major league manager is a real job.

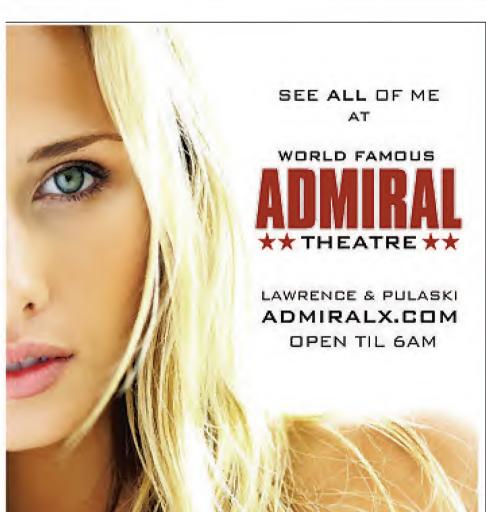
To compete with the shoe rotation Steve Madden is known for. They make shoes. Because he hustles more than the 87th Street Sock Man.

Any idea why the NBA is already debuting its Christmas Day uniforms for next season? Am I the only one with a list already? I mean, it's almost Memorial Day.

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Joakim Noah has been honored for his efforts to fight vouth violence. The J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award is presented annually by the Professional Basketball Writers Association to a player, coach or trainer who demonstrates outstanding community service.

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"I'm not proud of myself. I'm proud of everybody who has helped bring positives to Chicago to help the kids," Noah said. "Our group has put in a lot of work to help. There's still a long ways to go. It's only the beginning. The award is great because it brings awareness to what we're doing. But that's it. I know there's a lot of work to do."

In March, Noah's foundation launched the "Rock Your Drop: The Drop of Consciousness" campaign against youth violence, selling teardrop necklaces designed by his mother to support job and after-school programs.

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"If you're asking me, 'Would I like to score more?' Yes, I would. Is it the most important thing for me? No, it's wins." - Blackhawks forward **Marian Hossa**, who has only one goal in the playoffs but has been lauded

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#### Inception (2010)

As Eames, Hardy's (right) clever and smooth, and the kind of character you wish got more screen time. Wouldn't count on a spinoff movie, unless that's what the ending was supposed to imply? (It wasn't.)



#### **Warrior (2011)**

One of the decade's most underappreciated movies, "Warrior" stars Hardy (left) and Joel Edgerton as brothers very much aware of what they could earn as mixed martial arts champions. Hardy's toughness is off the charts, but never to the degree that he seems empty.



## The Dark Knight Rises (2012)

Could I understand everything he said as Bane? Not really. Did that make him any less menacing? Hell no.



#### Locke (2014)

This entire movie, seriously, takes place in Ivan Locke's (Hardy) car during a late-night drive. The actor is the biggest reason the movie isn't boring but rather a compelling study of trying to make the best of bad choices and worse timing.



## A bottle of 2-hour energy



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Like a rocket shot out of another rocket fired from a cannon, "Mad Max: Furv Road" explodes instantly into the kind of excitement "Furious 7" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" only provide in small doses-and then wows over and over again. But this isn't an indifferent mess of one-upmanship, like

a parade of dunks at the NBA All-Star game. No, the franchise's first movie since 1985's "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" offers controlled chaos in the sense that you actually can see what's happening in the never-glorified action, and the filmmaker's vision isn't just, "Bigger louder more I don't know whatever."

Before the movie started, I actually said out loud, "Here we go." The more accurate statement would have been, to quote "Jurassic Park": "Hold on to your butts."

And it's OK if you haven't seen or don't remember the previous three installments, with "Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior" the best of the bunch. "Fury Road" quickly re-establishes Max (Tom Hardy, taking over for Mel Gibson) as a former cop haunted by those he's lost, alone in a post-apocalyptic wasteland likely to earn the title of the planet's loudest, bloodiest desert. The target of Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne), a hideous dictator who seems to have modeled his difficult-to-understand,



■■■ Mad Max: Fury Road

buried-beneath-a-mask-dialogue from Hardy's Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises," Max eventually teams up with Imperator Furiosa (Charlize Theron, towering), a rebel attempting to save former captives/wives (including Rosie Huntington-Whiteley and Zoe Kravitz) known as Joe's "treasures." Director/co-writer George Miller brings the continuous chase an unexpected strand of female empowerment as ultra-tough women—who would devour the Barden Bellas of "Pitch Perfect 2"; someone please film that—fight to control their own bodies and lives. The only way this could be more badass would be if the movie came out last week, timed for Mother's Day.

"Fury Road" has nothing new to offer in the department of oppressed, dwindling humanity in search of safety. "Children of Men" and even "Zombieland" recently made this sort of hopeful, dangerous journey more impactful, and the moments when the movie catches its breath almost feel like a letdown. No line crackles quite like the original's, "I'm a fuelinjected suicide machine."

Yet urgent as a needle through the head, "Fury Road" is an interpretive dance of destruction and a guitar solo death mobile, its harsh beauty relentless and fresh and percussive. In a role that finally could bring him the widespread attention he deserves, Hardy's courageously unknowable but never dull, always contributing to the movie's electric mayhem.



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## 'Pitch Perfect' made my nerdy hobby cool



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From the pitch pipes and matching outfits to the girls trying to beatbox, I pretty much lived the entire plot of "Pitch Perfect" in college. Except for the projectile vomiting. Oh, and no one ever thought I was sexier for singing the bassline of a cover song.

See, in 2002, when I started my univer-

sity's first all-female a cappella group with a couple of friends, there weren't major motion pictures and reality TV shows saturating the market, telling our soon-to-be fans that what we were doing was remotely attractive.

We were just girls who grew up singing in traditional choirs, wishing we could be more like the laid-back, male a cappella groups such as (now hugely famous) Straight No Chaser from Indiana University. So we tried. And I'm happy to say that our group, Minor Detail, is still going strong at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.

But it took a lot of work. Female voices, by their very nature, can't hit the low notes that really round out a song like men's voices can. (Notice how the Bellas' background vocals sounded so much like the real song at the end of "Pitch Perfect"? You can thank Chloe's [Brittany Snow] vocal nodes/deep voice for that.) And then there's the issue of beatboxing, or "vocal percussion," as the true a cappella nerds call it. Even though some of us learned how to make drum sounds with our mouths, I always felt so masculine doing it.

No matter how good we sounded, visually we were still just a bunch of girls lined up in a formation, singing songs we hoped sounded like the originals. The dance moves we tried



fell short, and we laughed harder at our own jokes than anyone in the audience did. We'd watch our all-male counterpart, True Men, fill auditoriums and easily wow people with their harmonies, jokes and, most of all, charm. Minor Detail was lucky to see a fraction of their audiences at our shows. Even though we thought we sounded better, spent more time and money on our concert promotion and found snazzier ways to entertain our audiences than the guys, we just couldn't garner as much attention as they could.

Fast-forward a decade when "Pitch Perfect" so aptly redefined female a cappella. The movie starts off with the men clearly

in the lead. They have the swagger; the fun moves; the sex appeal. The girls are boring and stiff. Enter Beca (Anna Kendrick), who is willing to buck the system and try something new. BAM—the Bellas were aca-hot.

Never mind that in a real-life live performance, the ladies' well-choreographed dance moves never would allow them to sound as good as they sound. And while the "riff-offs" are badass, c'mon, there's just no way any group could pull off those arrangements on the fly.

None of that matters because the average "Pitch Perfect" viewer doesn't realize these things. All they see are attractive females

being made to look even cuter based solely on their singing and dancing talent. That just raises the profile of this style of singing that I hold so near and dear. And judging by the box office numbers and buzz around the sequel, it looks like I'm not alone.

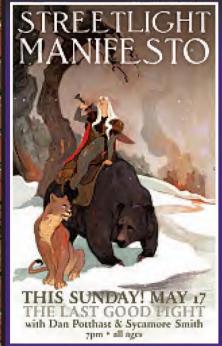
After seeing the first "Pitch Perfect," I went in search of a current-day video of Minor Detail and was happy to see the ladies have found a way to sound good while also incorporating fancy choreography. Do they sound as polished as the Bellas? Certainly not. But that's what you get without Hollywood's post-production sound editing and Auto-Tune.







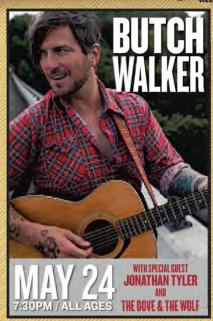


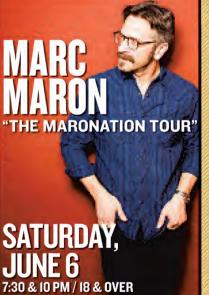




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## 'PP2' silences the fun

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If we're going to criticize Adam Sandler for his movies that push minorities to the side (and we are), "Pitch Perfect 2" deserves the same

evaluation. A cappella commentators (John Michael Higgins and Elizabeth Banks, the latter botching her feature directorial debut) say bigoted things about minorities, and the joke never feels like it's on the ignorant hosts. Meanwhile, the non-white members of the Barden Bellas are nothing but comic relief, treated as conduits for repetitive endorsements of stereotypes. Cynthia-Rose (Ester Dean), who is black and a lesbian, also has her femininity questioned. Just to make sure the characters are as foolishly judgmental of each other as possible.

And it's not in a friendly, ball-busting way. Like its predecessor, which disturbingly has been embraced by the mainstream despite its persistent mean streak, "PP2" mistakes rudeness for entertaining sass. Characters



**Pitch Perfect 2** PG-13

constantly exhibit needless, unexamined cruelty toward others. I thought this was supposed to be fun?

To be fair, in no other movie will you see Clay Matthews and fellow members of the Green Bay Packers singing "Bootylicious," or a German a cappella sensation known as Das Sound Machine doing "Thong Song." The latter group is the main rival of the inferior Bellas as they try to win world championships, partially because the three-time national champs are banned from collegiate competition (due to a painful opening sequence involving Fat Amy [Rebel Wilson] unintentionally flashing President Obama, and not with her boobs) and partially because writer Kay Cannon figured, "If it worked for 'D2: The Mighty Ducks,' it works for me."

At least "PP2" has fewer gags involving starting a word with aca-. Sometimes it's a little sweet, as new Bella Emily (Hailee Stein-



feld) and Benji (Ben Platt) get all blushy and mumbly around each other. But most of the girls are given no dimension whatsoever, and Beca's (Anna Kendrick, clearly uninspired) secret internship/attempt to find her own musical voice digs a hole and stays there.

The first "Pitch Perfect" was only appropriate as sing-along. The slightly less unkind "PP2" also offers minimal detail about the

building of the songs/performances, something that is an afterthought in a franchise that should be albums, not movies. "If you like music, it's a good movie," said some guy on his way out of the theater. Because we want to believe all the world's a cappella groups cover Journey? Or that Fat Amy should be allowed within 500 yards of A Tribe Called Quest's "Scenario"? Disagree times 20, man.

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■ Unfriended (R) (Closed caption) 8:45, 11:10

#### **LOGAN THEATRE**

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628

■ Avengers. Age of Ultron (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
■ Dreamgirls (PG-13) 11:00
■ Ex Machina (R) 1:45, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10, 10:20

■What We Do in the Shadows (R) 2:15, 4:20 ■While We're Young (R) 2:30, 4:30

#### ■ Mad Max: Fury Road (R) ★ (Closed caption) 4:30, 7:30 ■ Mad Max: Fury Road 3D (R) ★ (Closed caption) 10:30, 1:30, 10:30 RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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■ Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:40, 2:35, 4:00, 7:15,

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■ Home (PG) (Closed caption) 10:15

■ Furious 7 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:05, 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30
■ Mad Max: Fury Road (R) ★ (Closed caption) 9:55, 1:45, 6:30, 7:45, 9:30
■ Mad Max: Fury Road 3D (R) ★ (Closed caption) 10:45, 11:45, 12:40, 2:45, 3:30,

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■Rombay Velvet (NR) ★ 11:40 3:00 6:20 9:40

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■Hot Pursuit (PG-13) ★ (Closed cantion) 10:20, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 ■ The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

■AMC Independent Ex Machina (R) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 10:10 ■AMC Independent Lambert & Stamp (R) ★ (Closed caption) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40,

7:45 10:45

■AMC Independent Iris (PG-13) ★ 10:25, 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:15, 10:55 ■AMC Independent Woman in Gold (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:15, 1:00, 3:45

■The D Train (B) ★ 1:05

■ AMC Independent Where Hope Grows (PG-13) ★ 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
■ AMC Independent The Left Ear (NR) ★ 1:15, 6:45
■ AMC Independent Piku (NR) ★ 10:00, 3:35, 6:45, 10:00

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3733 N. Southport, (773) 871-6604

■ Welcome to Me (R) 2:00, 7:30, 9:45 ■ The Film Critic (NR) 5:15 ■ Iris (PG-13) 2:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30

■ Roar (PG) 11:59

#### SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #2309 | Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) (Closed caption) 9:40, 1:10, 2:40, 4:40, 8:10,

■Avengers: Age of Ultron -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 12:10, 3:40,

■ Avengers: Age of Ultron 3D (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:10, 12:40, 4:10, 6:10, 7:40, 11:10 ■ Home (PG) (Closed caption) 10:50, 11:50, 2:10, 4:35, 6:50

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■ The Age of Adaline (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:30, 1:10, 3:50, 6:30

■AMC Independent Ex Machina (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:50, 11:25

#### **WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)**

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago

■ Mad Max: Fury Road (R) ★ (Closed caption) 10:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

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4:30 5:50 7:40 9:00 10:50 ■The Age of Adaline (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:10, 12:30, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG) (Closed caption) 10:15, 3:10, 5:25, 8:50

#### SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

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■Avengers: Age of Ultron 3D (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15

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■ AMC Independent Ex Machina (R) 11:20, 5:30

#### SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago (312) 564-2104

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■Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:45, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:00, 7:45,

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG) (Closed caption) 10:40, 11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

■Hot Pursuit (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:20, 10:35 ■AMC Independent Little Roy (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45. ■The Age of Adaline (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

#### OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

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■Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00 ■ Far From the Madding Crowd (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45 ■ Hot Pursuit (PG-13) (Closed caption) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

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■Monkey Kingdom (G) ♦ (Closed caption) 11:10

■Home (PG) ♦ (Closed caption) 11:40, 2:15, 4:35, 7:10
■While We're Young (R) ♦ 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
■Woman in Gold (PC-13) ♦ (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
■Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) ♦ (Closed caption) 11:00, 11:55, 12:50, 1:50, 2:45, 3:45,

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## **Embodies 'fake it till** you make it' approach

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Whoa. Whoa. Wait. The Who drummer Keith Moon and bassist John Entwistle almost quit and formed Led Zeppelin with Jimmy Page? You

can't just drop that into a movie and act like it's not a big deal.

This is one of several times in which "Lambert & Stamp," a documentary both intriguing and imperfect, shares juicy information yet remains at a certain distance. After the movie, I felt like I had heard a lot of cool stuff and yet never got that close to anyone involved. The title comes not from a hypothetical TNT cop drama but the last names of the managers of The Who who only obtained that role as part of their mission to make a little-known band hugely popular and helm a movie about the whole process. "We never said we knew how to do it," says Chris



Lambert & Stamp

Stamp (who passed away in late 2012 and is the younger brother of actor Terence Stamp) in a recent interview for the film. That's a pretty fantastically rock 'n' roll attitudealso reminiscent of legendary manager Shep Gordon, star of Mike Myers' entertaining doc "Supermensch: "The Legend of Shep Gordon"-and one evident in The Who as well before the band became huge.

I'm not going to name Who songs to remind you about them. If you can't name a Who song, get on the Internet now and musically educate yourself.

Guitarist Pete Townshend had written one song by the time the group's managers came on board. It's interesting to see how Kit Lambert, the son of a classical composer and advocate for changing The Who's



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previous name (The High Numbers) because he thought it sounded like Bingo, played a significant role in spotting the best of Townshend's writing over time and pushing lesser proposed songs to the sidelines.

Yet there's that issue of narrative remove that director James D. Cooper can't solve. That applies to the drug problems of Lambert (who passed away in 1981) and Moon

(who died in 1978) and much of the musical landscape as The Who was establishing itself. The poorly paced "Lambert & Stamp" could use an edit and a closer look at the innerworkings and day-to-day operations of the band. But it's a decent look back at an era of great music and iconic personalities that reminds how overdue a Keith Moon biopic is. Please cast Jason Schwartzman in that.

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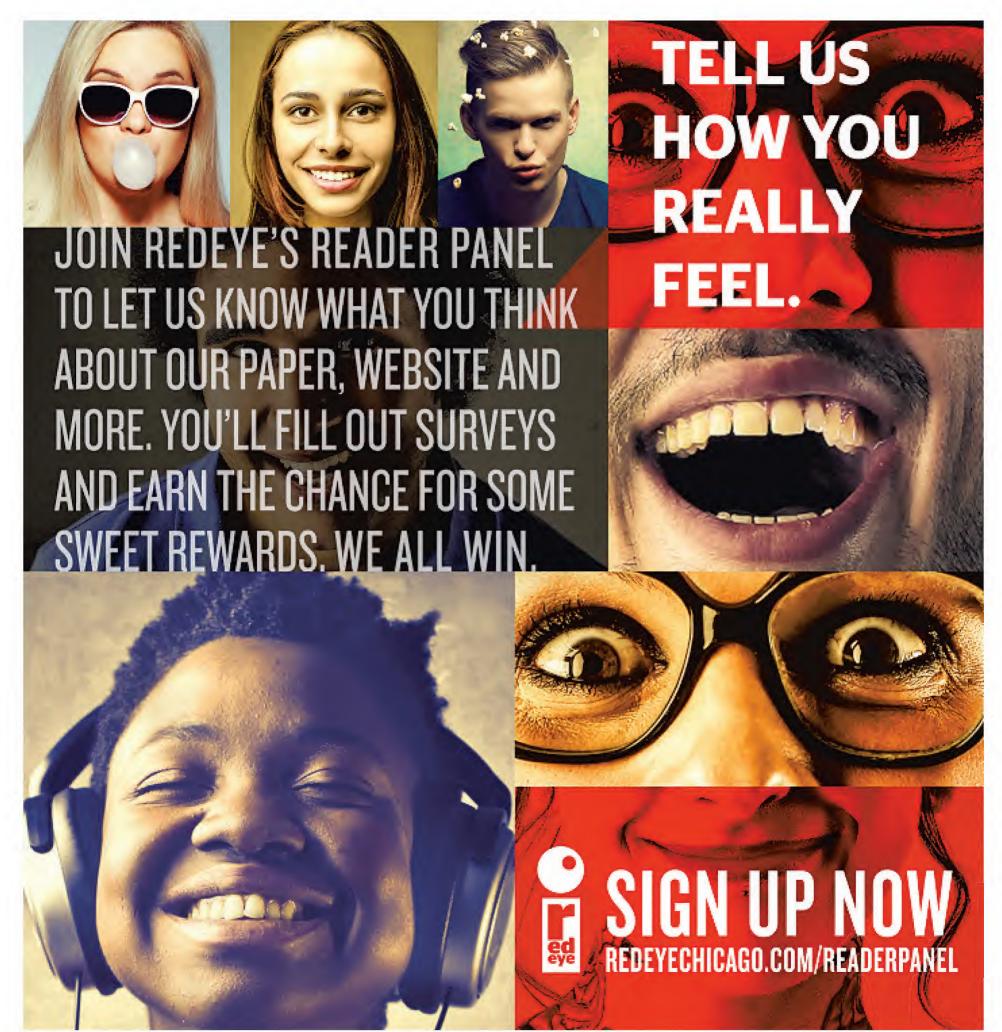




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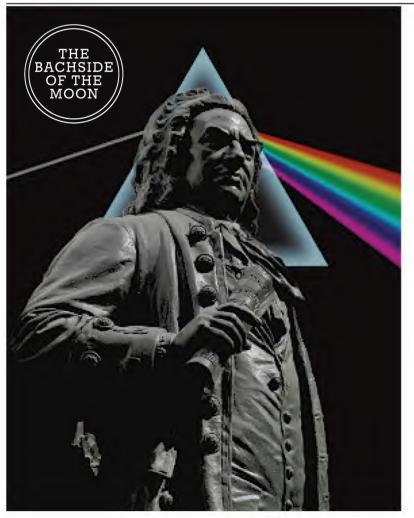
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#### Fire up the grill

Chef Jose Garces (Mercat a la Planxa): showcases Argentine cuisine in all of its crill-fired clory at Rural Society (455 N. Park Drive 312-840-6605) in Streeterville.

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Pizza, beer and rock 'n' roll

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## Goodbye, Mr. Burns?

#### By Tribune wire reports

Actor Harry Shearer, known as the voices of Ned Flanders, Mr. Burns, Mr. Smithers, Seymour Skinner and many more, indicated he is leaving "The Simpsons" after more than 25 years.

In two late-night tweets from **@theharry shearer**, Shearer's verified Twitter account, the 71-year-old, long-time cartoon series actor implied he was done.

The first tweet read: "from James L. Brooks' lawyer: "show will go on, Harry will not be part of it, wish him the best.". (1/2)"

James L. Brooks is the co-creator and an executive producer of "The Simpsons."

The first tweet from Shearer's account quickly was followed by another: "This because I wanted what we've always had: the freedom to do other work. Of course, I wish him the very best. (2/2)"

His name began trending on Twitter following the announcement.

Hours after the initial tweets, Shearer commented on the response:

"Thanks, Simpsons fans, for your support."
Shearer has been with the show since it



Shearer

started in 1989 and provided the voices for such established "Simpsons" characters as Mr. Burns, Ned Flanders, Principal Skinner, Lenny, Waylon Smithers, Kent Brockman, Dr. Julius

Hibbert, Scratchy, Reverend Lovejoy and Otto among many other Springfield favorites.

A statement from Al Jean and fellow "Simpsons" executive producers James L. Brooks and Matt Groening said Shearer "was offered the same deal the rest of the cast accepted, and passed."

Shearer did not respond to a request for comment.

On May 4, the Fox Broadcasting Company announced it renewed "The Simpsons" for a 27th and 28th season, taking the series to 625 episodes.

The show has won numerous awards, including 31 Emmys, 31 Annie Awards and a 2015 People's Choice Award, according to Fox.

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## Michaels looks ahead as 'SNL' ends Season 40

#### **By Associated Press**

With less than two hours before dress rehearsal for the Mother's Day edition of "Saturday Night Live," the mood seemed relaxed. Studio 8H at NBC's 30 Rockefeller Plaza, where guest host Reese Witherspoon would soon preside, was almost deserted. And Lorne Michaels, "SNL" creator and executive producer, exuded mellowness as he welcomed a reporter to his office just past 6 p.m. to chat about the 40th season (which concludes Saturday at 10:30 p.m., with Louis C.K. hosting) as well as late-night TV in general and what lies ahead. Here's an edited version of that conversation:

### You're in the home stretch of a remarkable season.

It's been an odd season. The high point came in February, with our doing the 40th [anniversary special]. There were so many moving parts, and all the emotion. When it turned out as well as it did, I think we were all stunned. Then I, for one, was very happy to get back to doing the normal shows.

## But the season finale won't be exactly normal, will it?

It's always complicated, because you have a feeling of, "I'd like to go into the summer with a great memory of that show," so you feel a different kind of pressure. The way you get through the season is: There's always next week. And then, with the finale, there's three months of summer. But it always works out.

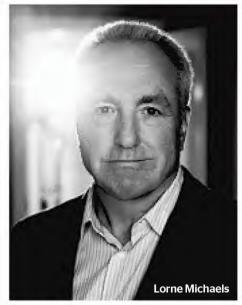
## There's been some turnover in the cast the last couple of seasons, especially after the loss of Kristen Wiig, Fred Armisen, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis. Is the dust beginning to settle?

What I'm most pleased with this season is this cast. It FEELS like it's a cast. I think they feel good about themselves, like it's their time, and that the audience is completely behind them. [Weekend] Update was the hardest transition [with last season's departure of longtime anchor Seth Meyers]. But now it's in a really good place with Colin [Jost] and Michael [Che].

David Letterman is leaving after a total of 33 years in late-night talk, at age 68. You've been running "Saturday Night Live" for 40 years, along with many other projects, and this season you observed your 70th birthday. Do you have an exit strategy?

I have no plans not to be here. It's what I do, I love it, and I feel really strong and clear about what I want to do. In terms of the hours, and how hard it is, well, the schedule is the schedule. I leave here on Tuesday nights around 2 o'clock in the morning. That hasn't changed, although there are many, many people who, when I leave, are still here writing.

To use a tennis metaphor, after a certain point you can't keep charging the net, and you fall back to the lob game. But you still can win. I think I care just as much as I did at the beginning, and I think, at lots of levels, I'm better at it now. You learn to trust signs that something isn't going to work earlier than you used to, or that this person is talking nonsense earlier than you used to, and you're confident enough to say, "We've got it.



Let's move on."

But it's still scary every week. Dress rehearsal is always still a mess. You go, "How did I think this was going to work?" And then you scramble, and everybody pulls it together.



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### ISRAELI JAZZ AND WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

When: May 14-22

Where: Various locations

**How much:** Some events are free to attend. Ticketed events cost \$10-\$28.

The skinny: The third annual fest once again brings the Middle Eastern perspective to the musical genre so widely celebrated in Chicago. with seven artists with ties to Israel, both emerging and renowned, in nine venues over eight days. Lazer Lloyd performs the fest's first blues show at House of Blues on May 19 (8 p.m. \$10, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000). Up-and-comer Mika Harv, who was chosen as a lead singer in the Israeli Defense Forces Orchestra during her mandatory military service, plays a free show in a quartet at Bright Star Church May 17 (4 p.m. 735 E. 44th St. 773-373-5220) and The Promontory May 18 (8 p.m. \$15. 5311 South Lake Park Ave. West. 312-801-2100). And catch Yemenite folk bass-player Omer Avital perform in a quintet May 15-16 at Green

Mill Jazz Club (9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday. \$10, 4802 N. Broadway 773-878-5552). Schedule and additional details. Isra.li/jazzfest

### COLUMBIA COLLEGE MANIFEST URBAN ARTS FESTIVAL

When: Noon-9 p.m. Friday

Where: Along Wabash Avenue between Congress Parkway and 11th Street and inside campus buildings

How much: Free

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fests

The skinny: Street art and ziplines and zombies are just some of the odd goings-on at the Columbia College student run showcase of art from fashion, music and storytelling to pop-up art galleries, dance and sketch comedy. Don't miss local indie rock band Twin Peaks at 7:15 p.m. and

Chicago rapper Saba at 6:30 p.m. There also will be a four-story superhero mural by painter and street artist Hebru Brantley and a live zombie themed film shooting. in which fest-goers can be extras.

### MAYFEST

When: 5-10 p.m. Friday, noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: 3100 N. Ashland Ave. at West Barry Avenue

How much: \$7.50-\$25 for single-day admission online (eventsprout.com/register/maylest). \$10 at the gate.

The skinny: It's a cover-band-apalooza all three days at this Lakeview fest with acts such as the leather-clad glam metal band Hairbangers Ball (Friday, 8 p.m.), Too White Crew with classic hiphop jams (Saturday, 8 p.m.) and Rod Tuffcurls and The Bench Press mashing up everything from The Beatles to Miley Cyrus (Sunday, 8 p.m.). The fest will take place under a large tent with an outdoor beer garden and, for the first time, feature TV screens for sports-viewing. Red Baron pizza is included with general admission.

### CHICAGO CRAFT BEER WEEK

When: May 14-24

Where: various locations

How much: Some events are free to attend, while others are ticketed.

The skinny: BYO-craft beer enthusiasm to more than 400 events, from beer tastings and dinners to releases and pub crawls. It's the biggest CCBW yet in its sixth year, when breweries both local and beyond are the focus at venues throughout the city and suburbs. Check out our how-to-guide to CCBW at redeyechlcago.com/ccbw.

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for the duration of the fest, or find events
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where the specials are located. In the past,
major music festivals such as Lollapalooza.
Pitchfork and Riot Fest have had apps that
have been helpful schedule makers so you
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#### Johnny Depp was in deep doo doo, but now may be out of the doghouse. According to AP, the Australian government ordered the actor to fly his two Yorkshire terriers.

back to the States by Saturdayor else, and People reports the actor has complied. Depp, who's Down Under filming the fifth "Pirates of the Caribbean," was accused of smuggling the pups into the country on his private jet without the required permit. "If you start letting movie stars-even though they've been the sexiest man alive twice-to come into our nation [with pets], then why don't we just break laws for everybody?" Australia's agriculture minister Barnaby Joyce said.

#### Theo at the wheel

You can bet Cliff Huxtable would have given Theo a stern talking to if he'd been the one driving the getaway car in O.J. Simpson's infamous 1994 Ford Bronco chase, and now, he kind of will be. Malcolm-Jamal Warner, who played only son Theo on "The Cosby Show" has been cast as Al "A.C." Cowlings, a friend of Simpson's who was behind the wheel that fateful, televised day, in FX's upcoming series "American-Crime Story," A.V. Club reports.



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